(b) if so, the number of cases is which the Delhi Police personnel were found involved in such crimes since the beginning of 1994 a$_s$ compared lo the corresponding period in '993;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to check !he criminal tendencies among the police personnel"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the period from 1,1.94 to 31-10-94, 31 police personnels have been found involved in 20 corruption and rape case? while 36 police personnels were involved in 23 cases of corruption adn rape cases during the corresponding period from 1-1-93 to 31-10-93.

(c) With a view to curb involvjment of policemen in crime and to retain public confider:.' in. police, the police! department has been taking exemplary deterrent action including disciplinary proceedings in all cases where policemen are found involved in crimes The department is revising the training syllabus, both for initial training and refresher courses, to bring about the required behavioural changes among policemen. Besides briefing js also being given by senior officer; to the member.; of the force through Sampaik Sabhas-Accessi-bility of senior officers to puKis is on the increase and a close watch is being kept on the conduct to policemen parti-;ular!v those with doubtful integrity, by ;he Vigilance Branch and the Anti-Cor-•uption Branch of the Goi'ernment,

Sale *dl* Five Islands fe Atdtesai

12S. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATTUR: Will the Minister of HOME AF--AIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five sen-itive islands in the Andamans have been •jld out—four to M/s. Imperial Granite 'o. of Madras and one to Capt. Kesri Ibble:

(b) if so ,b* circumstances under which the sale of islands took place and th-conditions laid down about it.

(c) whether this sale had prior approval of Central Government or it was by the Island Admn.: and

id) what is tht present status of these five islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI *V.* M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Atrocities sgaitsst women

127. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME [RS he pleased to state:

(a) vhether the cases, of atrocities of dilits, backwards, scheduled castes; sche duled tribes; women etc. are on the increased in the country especially in-Uttat Pradesh, Bihar and North Extern States;

(b) if so, the number of cases of atro cities en women, stripping; killing; etc. in the country; State-wise and UT-wise, in the last twelve months and how do ompare with the preceeding three

(c) rhe action Government of India has taken to check such crimes and the number of people who have been puni shed [t]ierefot giving details thereof'/

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (c) The registration, investigation, detection ind prevention of crimes, including cri-rr.es against women, is the responsibility of "he State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crime. The Dowry Prohibition Act (1961) was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the